

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the specification:

On Page 1, paragraph 1, line 5, delete "herewith" and insert "--on June 6, 2000--";

On Page 1, paragraph 1, line 6, delete "aa/aaa,aaa" and insert "--09/588,443--";

On Page 1, paragraph 1, line 7, delete "(Attorney Docket No. E-848)";

On Page 1, paragraph 1, line 8, delete "aa/aaa,aaa" and insert "--09/588,763--";

On Page 1, paragraph 1, line 10, delete "(Attorney Docket No. F-160)".

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 14-17.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system, comprising:
 - a plurality of messaging systems used by message senders for generating
[processing] respective messages intended for recipients;
 - a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging
systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each
respective recipient; and
 - a control system for:
 - accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an
intended recipient of a message; and
 - at a particular one of the plurality of messaging systems corresponding
to the message, using the intended recipient preference profile to
process the message prior to delivery of the message to the
intended recipient.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the recipient preference profile includes no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from; and
the control system is further for controlling a particular one of the plurality of messaging systems corresponding to the message so as to not generate the message for [not dispatching messages to] the intended recipient if the particular one of the plurality of messaging system is operated by a sender described by the no interest data.
7. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising the step(s) of:
communicating with a plurality of messaging systems used by message senders, the messaging systems for generating [processing] respective messages intended for recipients;
storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;
and
providing an intended recipient preference profile to a particular one of the plurality of messaging systems, corresponding to an intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message prior to delivery of the message to the intended recipient.
10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step(s) of:
including within the recipient preference profile no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from; and
controlling a particular one of the plurality of messaging systems corresponding to the message so as to not generate the message for
[wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be

dispatched to] the intended recipient if the particular one of the plurality of messaging systems [are] is operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

13. (Amended) A memory device accessible by an application program being executed on a control system, comprising:

a recipient preference profile, established by a recipient, including parameters intended to control aspects of messages produced by a plurality of senders that are intended for the recipient;

no interest data pertaining to selected senders that the recipient does not wish to receive messages from and wherein messages are not produced by the selected senders described by the no interest data; and

a message hold instruction and wherein messages produced by the plurality of senders are not to be dispatched to the recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

18. (Amended) The memory of claim 13 [17,] further comprising:

discrete messages collected while the hold instruction is active and a composite message consolidating the discrete messages into a single message to be delivered to the recipient when the hold instruction is not active.